

The Good Samaritan

Supporting Children

Summer camp provides a chance for children in our programs and throughout the Smoketown and Shelby Park communities to enjoy a fun and educational summer. The camp, which runs from June 20 to July 29, gives kids a chance to enjoy field trips they may have had no other opportunity to experience. They also learn about drama, art, robotics, and more, all while having fun.

The summer camp is managed by Julio Anthony with the help of program staff and volunteers. The children are provided with breakfast and lunch and lots of opportunities to play and be kids.

"Many children in our neighborhood would not have opportunities or access to a summer camp that wasn't in the neighborhood and free. We are providing these children with enrichment and support during the summer months," says Julio.

"Summer can be a time of stress for both children and parents because of childcare needs and food insecurity. Our summer camp eliminates those concerns for six weeks and offers children a chance to learn while having fun."

Donations from supporters, volunteers, and a dedicated staff ensure that our summer camp is there to support kids in need in the community.

We want to thank everyone who makes this program possible. It means the world to the children and to us.



Students practicing improvisational comedy.



Getting started in the morning. Stretching before beginning an improv session.



A teacher for the LEGO Robotics program offers help to two children.



Building your own Ferris Wheel is both fun and challenging.



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We house, feed, and support
those in need with
compassion and dignity.

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Join us
September 18, Dinner at The Olmsted
September 19, Golf at
Hurstbourne Country Club

Clubs & Cocktails, One Month Away!

We are only one short month away from our 19th Annual Clubs & Cocktails event! Be sure to visit <https://one.bidpal.net/clubsandcocktails22> to purchase your foursome or dinner tickets.

Any and all guests are welcome to attend the dinner and auction portion on Sunday, September 18th, at The Olmsted, starting at 5:30pm.

Please reach out to Makenzie Smith at msmith@svdplou.org or 502-272-2134 with any questions. See you in September!



It's About People: Success Story

Britney, a young woman with five children, became homeless with one of her children. The other children had found places to stay with family. Life without a home was very difficult, and Britney sank into substance abuse. As her life grew increasingly complicated, she was in danger of losing her child. Fortunately, she was referred to St. Vincent de Paul Louisville.

SVDP opened the door to resources she didn't know were available. The staff helped her work on her substance abuse problems and helped her find a place she could afford to live. The organization provided her with furniture she never had, even before she became homeless, including a couch, kitchen table, and beds.

As she managed her situation better, she became hopeful of bringing her family back together. But to do that, she would need a permanent home with

space for five children and the financial security to afford those necessities like house payments, groceries, clothes and more. But thanks to St. Vincent de Paul Louisville, Britney had a plan.

Britney is now employed helping others as a peer support specialist and hopes to go back to school to become a therapist. She has all five of her children and has just purchased her first house.

"St. Vincent de Paul Louisville helped me find the resources and the support I needed to become self-sufficient and provide a home for all five of my kids," says Britney.

When asked about SVDP, Britney says, "they [SVDP] change lives. They lend a helping hand when you're down. They believed in me when I needed someone to do just that. St. Vincent de Paul cares about people."

By the Numbers October 2021 - May 2022

Permanent Housing Programs (All scattered site, all on-campus apartments, except Tranquil House)

- 448 people have been served since October 1, 2021.
- Of those 448, 124 are individuals, the remaining 324 are part of 93 families.
- 201 of these people were children.
- 90% of those who exited our program did not return to homelessness.

Ozanam Inn Shelter

- 322 men served since October 1, 2021.
- 30 (11%) people exited to stable housing.

VA Program

- 36 men have been served since October 1, 2021.
- Since October, 93% of men served have exited to permanent housing.

Tranquil House

- 15 people served since October 1, 2021.
- 70% increased or maintained mental health services.
- 70% increased their participation in the community, attending events, group counseling, or other social/emotional activities.

Family Success Center

- 36 Students registered for the after school program for the 2021/22 school year. The average attendance has been 18.
- 81% of students have improved their site word skills in reading.
- 79% of students are now reading at grade level. (Our goal is to be at 90% by the end of the 2021-22 school year.)
- 85% of students have demonstrated increased STEM skills and knowledge.

Mental Health and Substance Use Program (Clinical Services)

- 285 households have been served since October 1, 2021.
- 157 crises have been resolved, with a 98% success rate.
- 98% of participants in individual counseling report making progress on a therapeutic goal.

Save the Date

UPCOMING EVENTS AT
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL LOUISVILLE



Tour de Change

August 9th

Give for Good

September 15th

Clubs & Cocktails

September 19th



We are only one month out from our eighth time participating in Give for Good Louisville! The area's most generous day of giving hosted annually by the Community Foundation of Louisville is set to return on Thursday, September 15th, 2022. This year, we are focusing on raising funds for our Family Success Center, and we need YOUR help to have a record-breaking giving day with a goal of \$40,000!

Interested in being a matching sponsor? Help us double the impact of every gift made. Please reach out to Makenzie Smith at msmith@svdplou.org or 502-272-2134 for more information or if you have any questions.

Visit the QR code (right) on Thursday, September 15th, not before or after, as all donations have to be made on this day to count in the totals for the Give for Good day. Mark your calendars to support St. Vincent de Paul Louisville in our mission to house, feed, and support those in need with compassion and dignity!





Archbishop Visits SVDP

Archbishop Shelton Fabre visited St. Vincent de Paul Louisville on June 24. He toured our campus, spending time talking with staff, volunteers, and clients.

(Far Left) Archbishop Fabre tours the Open Hand Kitchen.

(Center) Archbishop Fabre visits with children attending our summer program.

Rainy Day Fund

St. Vincent de Paul Louisville received many of the buildings we use today from the Archdiocese of Louisville. These buildings, the rectory (Simon Hall), the church (Open Hand Kitchen), and school (Ozanam Inn) have served us well for many years. To continue serving us, the buildings need ongoing repairs and maintenance. We have created a Rainy Day Fund for this purpose. A group of generous donors provided us with matching gift funds of \$175,000 and have challenged our supporters to raise the additional funds we need for maintaining our buildings.

As of June 30, we have raised a total of \$272,801.93. We're getting so close to our goal! We are asking you as a supporter of St. Vincent de Paul Louisville to consider making a special donation toward our Rainy Day Fund. Your donation will allow us to make vital repairs to all our buildings and be prepared for the emergencies that arise in older buildings.

To give to the Rainy Day Fund, please include "Rainy Day Fund" to the memo field of your check or go to svdplou.org/rainy-day-fund/ to donate online. Thank you for all you do to care for those in need. We couldn't do it without you!

Memorial & Honorarium Gifts

St. Vincent de Paul Louisville would like to take this opportunity to express gratitude for the responsibility of transforming gifts into hope for our many clients. Thank you, donors, for supporting us in loving memory of or in honor of those listed here.

Your donation represents a lasting legacy that will shine through the successes SVDP has in fulfilling its mission.

Those remembered from October 15, 2021 – March 31, 2022

In memory of...

Doris Archer and Gilda Feige
Julianne Ash
Pastor Howard Bagley
Charles Raffo Ballard Jr.
Emily Jo Barker
Mary D. Blandford
Mary Kathleen Blandford
Bernadette Boehm
Edith Bradford
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Joyce Cecil
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Pat Clements
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Timothy Flemming
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In honor of...

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